(a) whether notification of the Comptroller of Accounts dated 4th October 1911 and published at page 64 of the Cochin Government Gazette dated 21st Kanni 1087 is still in force;

(b) will a copy of the notification be placed on the Council table?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the notification is appended. (*Appendix IX.*)

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, I request that this may be clubbed with the next question so that the question may be better understood.

President.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said that the subjects for the State Account Test are, C. S. R., Account Code Vol. I and II and account portions of P. W. D., Forest, and Tramway Codes. In answer to a previous question in this meeting itself, it is stated that there is a subsequent Proceedings of the Government that those who have passed the Madras Account Test need not pass the State Account Test which comprises all these subjects. So, am I to understand that both these Proceedings, namely, the one printed as appendix 9 and the other which says that they need not pass any of these tests are in force, the one contradicting the other?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—There is no contradiction here. The notification says that those who have passed the Madras Account Test need not pass the Cochin Account Test.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—As far as this appendix is concerned, there is no contradiction. But it refers only to Vol. I, which forms only one of the subjects of the State Account Test. It is said that there is another Proceedings that they need not pass any of the subjects.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The subsequent Proceedings supersedes this order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So this answer is wrong?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—This answer might have been given earlier than that Proceedings.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That Proceedings is of last year, Sir. Sir, I shall pursue with further fresh questions so that the time of the House need not be wasted.

The British and the Cochin Account tests' comparative value.

324. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the subjects for the Cochin Account Test Examination;

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(b) what are the subjects for the Madras Account Test Lower;

(c) what is the comparative value between these two tests as ordered in D. P. dated 30th September 1911, Ref. on C. No. 68/87, L. L. D. (Education).

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) 1. Cochin Service Regulations.

2. Cochin Account Code Vol. I

3. Do Vol. II

4. Account portions of Forest, Tramway and Public Works Codes.

(b) There is now no such examination as Account Test Lower in the Madras Presidency. At the time it existed, it consisted of British Account Code, Vol. I.

(c) Qualifying in the Madras Account Test Lower was considered to be equivalent to qualifying in the Cochin Account Code, Vol. I.

The rank of Cochin in point of literacy, etc., among Indian States and Provinces.

325. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to say what approximately is the rank held up by Cochin among the Indian States and Provinces of British India in respect of (a) general educational progress, (b) female education, (c) primary education and (d) literacy?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Member's attention is drawn to Chapter IX of the Cochin Census Report, 1931, dealing with literacy.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I am referred to the Cochin Census Report of 1931, a copy of which is supplied to us. I find that Cochin holds the second place excluding Burmha, in point of general literacy; and in point of female education, it holds the first place. I hope I am correct in that inference?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is what Chapter 9 of the Census Report says.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In view of that, will the Government be pleased to say how they can state that educational condition in Cochin reveal a sad state of public instruction?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Hon'ble Member will just examine the Census Report and find out what is the standard meant by the word literacy. Educationists always place a higher standard than a Superintendent of Census Operations. It is always natural. My idea of education is certainly a higher one than that. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is the standard of educational literacy as understood in Cochin, different from the standard in other parts?

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